

MINUTES OF THE

OAK RIDGE BEER PERMIT BOARD
Regular Meeting

Central Services Complex Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, June 1, 2022
5:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Wende Doolittle, Chair; Mark Cantrell, Vice-Chair; Richard Bell, Secretary; Raynauld Cherry, Chip Dooley, Pam Layne, and Rodney Nelson

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Hickman, Staff Liaison; Lieutenant Jeremy Huddleston, Oak Ridge Police Department

AUDIENCE Stacey Pratt, ASAP of Anderson; Imelia Marcus-Brock, ASAP of Anderson; and citizen Darlene Adams

MEMBERS:

ROLL CALL

Chairman Doolittle called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Staff Liaison Beth Hickman completed the calling of the roll. All members were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 6, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Nelson moved to defer discussion of Unfinished Business items until after the report from the Police Department. Mr. Cantrell seconded, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

WEIGEL'S #104, 118 UNION VALLEY ROAD, PERMIT 1610, CLASS B – WILLIAM BROWDER WEIGEL, MARGARET BROWDER WEIGEL, LAURIE WEIGEL KEVILLE, AND WILLIAM KURT WEIGEL; MIRANDA CAROL MURPHY, MANAGER

Brad Anderson with Weigel's corporate office and Miranda Murphy, Store Manager for the new location, appeared before the Board and answered questions. Construction should be completed in six months, and they plan to hire 15-20 employees. They will be closing between 11:00 p.m. and Midnight and will have onsite cameras. Miranda Murphy has been serving as the District Manager overseeing fourteen stores.

Mr. Nelson moved for approval of the permit and the manager application, and Mr. Cantrell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The permit will be provided to the store and to Ms. Murphy after a life safety inspection has been completed.

JASON EVERETT WELCH, MANAGER, WEIGEL'S #79

Jason Welch, new Manager at the Weigel's #79, appeared before the Board and answered questions. Mr. Welch stated that the store's cash register system requires the typing in of birthday's when ID's are checked so that the sale will not be allowed to proceed if the birthday is not entered. Mr. Nelson noted that the training manual that was provided needs to be updated to reflect that everyone is being ID'd.

Mr. Dooley moved for approval of the manager application, and Ms. Layne seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department had no incidents to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion of Proposed Bylaws and Rules/Procedures

City Manager Mark Watson addressed the Board regarding the revised Bylaws and Rules/Procedures template passed by City Council.

The Board discussed a draft of a letter that will be attached to the Rules and Procedures as an Appendix. The letter will be sent to the address of record on the beer permit with a copy to any pertinent corporate office. It was suggested that the phrase "no further action is required" be bolded in the letter.

Mr. Cantrell moved for approval of the draft letter template, and Mr. Nelson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Doolittle will begin working on additional letters pertaining to responding to the sale of minors and notification to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission of a violation.

Chairman Doolittle stated that the Board could go ahead and vote on the Bylaws at the next meeting and continue working on the Rules/Procedures.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

Imelia Marcus-Brock, Youth Ambassador with ASAP of Anderson urged the Board to impose consequences for selling alcohol to minors, and she stated that a letter to the business would not be sufficient.

Stacey Pratt, representing ASAP of Anderson, discussed a proposed matrix of fines that had been designed by a previous ASAP Director to use as a guide for citing businesses. She also commented that compliance checks were not being conducted on the local level, but that state Alcoholic Beverage Commission checks are starting back up after COVID. It was requested that the reinstatement of compliance checks for beer only be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Darlene Adams, 111 Clark Lane, stated that businesses do need to face consequences whether they are national chains or locally owned businesses.

Staff Liaison Beth Hickman clarified that the letter that was being discussed would be sent to a business when there was an incident reported to the Beer Board by the Police Department, but on further investigation, no action would be required by the Board. Consequences on other violations will be discussed at a later date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Central Services Building.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary